

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue (Commercial Taxes) Dept. - Surprise check conducted on the Integrated Check-Post, Naraharipet, Chittoor dist., on 21.12.2013 - Allegation of corruption and misconduct under APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 against Sri I.V.Ranga Rao, DCTO & AO (Retd.) and others - Common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against 15 SOs - AoCs framed - IO & PO appointed - IR submitted - Charges not proved and disagreed with the findings of the IO - Proposed to impose penalty under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 - Show Cause Notices issued - Written explanations submitted - Imposed penalty of withholding of 6% pension for period of one year against the retired COs viz., 1) Sri Arani Gopal, formerly ACTO (SO-3) (retd.on 31.05.2020) and 2) Sri Bepari Nanne Saheb, formerly Head Constable, Transport Dept.(SO-12) (retd.on 30.06.2018) respectively - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 942

Dated: 29-08-2025  
Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.47/DE-S-TCT/2013, dated 22.06.2016.
2. G.O.Ms.No.323, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 07.09.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.800, 801, **802**, 803, 804, 805, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, **812**, 813, 814 and 815, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 07.09.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.99, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 12.01.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.No.100, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 12.01.2018.
6. From the CCTs Ref.No.V3/926/2013, dated 02.05.2019.
7. G.O.Rt.No.475, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 28.06.2022.
8. Govt.Memo.No.16199/Vig.II(3)/2015-Vig.II, dated 28.06.2020.
9. From the CC (ST) (FAC), Lr.Ref.No.V3/926/2013, dated 12.09.2022.
10. G.O.Rt.No.1075, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., dated 19.12.2022.
11. From the CCST, Lr.Ref.No.V3/926/2013, dated 27.03.2023.
12. Govt.Memo.Nos.329734/16199/Vig.II(3)/2015-1 & 2, dated 08.09.2023.
13. G.O.Rt.No.544, Revenue (Vig.VI) Dept., dated 12.08.2024.
14. Written representations received from the COs through CCST Ref.No.V2/926/2013, dated 24.01.2024.
15. Govt.Memo.No.16199/Vig.II(3)/2015 (Comp.No.329734), dated 04.03.2025.
16. G.O.Rt.No.187, Revenue (Vig-VI) Dept., dated 04.03.2025.
17. G.O.Rt.No.188, Revenue (Vig-VI) Dept., dated 04.03.2025.
18. From Sri B.Nanne Saheb, Head Constable (SO-12) (retd.), explanation dated 22.05.2025.
19. From Sri Arani Gopal, ACTO (SO-3) (retd.), Chittoor Division, Chittoor, explanation dated 23.05.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the DG, ACB has reported that based on credible information regarding corrupt practices and the collection

of bribes by staff at the ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor dist., a surprise check was conducted on 21.12.2013. This surprise check revealed irregularities in the counters maintained by the C.T.Dept., and other Depts. The DG, ACB has recommended departmental action against 16 officers/staff members (i.e., 10 regular staff and 1 DEO of Revenue C.T.Dept., 3 from Prohibition & Excise Dept., and 2 from TR&B Dept.) for violating Conduct Rules. The DG, ACB has recommended for terminating from the post of DEO in respect of SO-16 Sri M.Venugopal Reddy and the CCST was requested to take action for his termination.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Govt., issued orders initiating common disciplinary proceedings against all 15 staff officers i.e., 1) Sri I.V.Ranga Rao, DCTO & AO (SO-1), 2) Sri Gangala Suresh Babu, ACTO (SO-2), **3) Sri Arani Gopal, ACTO (SO-3)**, 4) Sri Nagarajan Palani, Sr.Asst.& FAC ACTO (SO-4), 5) Sri B.Krishna Murthy, Sr.Asst.(SO-5), 6) Sri Dudde Prabhakar, Jr.Asst.(Jr.CTI) (SO-6), 7) Sri Syed Abdul Gafaar, O.S.(SO-7), 8) Sri Maddileti Muniraja, O.S.(SO-8), 9) Sri K.S.Narendra Kumar, Jr.Asst.(SO-9), 10) Sri Maredupalli Ananda Naidu, Hamali (SO-10), C.T.Dept., 11) Sri Vasagiri Madhusudhan, MVI (SO-11), **12) Sri Bepari Nanne Saheb, Head Constable (SO-12), Transport Dept.**, 13) Sri Gudluru Prasanth Vijay Kumar, Inspector (SO-13), 14) Sri Golla Sandeep, Sub-Inspector (SO-14), 15) Sri A.Ravi Kumar, Head Constable (SO-15), P&E Dept., respectively under Sub-Rules (1) and (2) of Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. Whereas, in the references 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, Govt., issued orders framing articles of charges against the 15 (fifteen) COs. Whereas, in the references 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Govt., issued orders appointing Sri C.Venugopal, Asst.Commr., O/o.DC (CT), Chittoor and Smt.P.Padmavati, CTO-I Circle, Chittoor as Inquiring Authority and Presenting Officer respectively for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against the officers of ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor district.

4. Whereas, in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the CCST has furnished the inquiry report submitted by Sri C.Venugopal and requested the Govt., to take appropriate action. It was observed that the report only covered the (10) C.T.Dept., personnel. No report was submitted for the remaining (5) C.Os from the Transport and P&E Dept's and the reasons for not conducting an inquiry into the charges against them were unclear. Hence, the disciplinary action was initiated against the I.O.

5. Whereas, in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, Govt., issued orders appointing Sri P.John Stevenson, Jt.Commr.(ST), Chittoor as I.A., to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the remaining five (05) COs i.e., 3 P&E Dept., officials and (02) Transport Dept., officials respectively.

6. Whereas, in the reference 11<sup>th</sup> read above, the CCST has stated that the Jt. Commr.(ST), Chittoor Division & I.A., has submitted inquiry report along with his findings on each article of charges against the COs pertaining to other Dept's. During the course of inquiry, it found that Sri A.Ravi Kumar was expired on 15.12.2017 and his son Sri A.Charan Teja submitted a death certificate issued by Registrar (Birth & Death), District Hospital, Chittoor and requested to take necessary action on the CO was expired. Whereas, in the reference 13<sup>th</sup> read

above, Govt., issued orders abating further action against Sri A.Ravi Kumar, P&E Head Constable, who expired on 15.12.2017, subject to recovery of loss, if any, from his terminal benefits, in terms of Rule-9(7) of APRP Rules, 1980.

7. Whereas, in the reference 12<sup>th</sup> read above, the Inquiry Report, has been communicated to the 09 COs 1) Sri I.V.Ranga Rao, DCTO & AO of ICP (CT), 2) Sri B.Krishna Murthy, Sr.Asst.(CT), 3) Sri Dudde Prabhakar, Jr.Asst.(CT), 4) Sri Syed Abdul Gafaar, O.S.(CT), 5) Sri M.Muniraja, O.S.(CT), 6) Sri K.S.Narendra Kumar, Jr.Asst.(CT), 7) Sri M.Ananda Naidu, Hamali (CT), 8) Sri G.P.Vijay Kumar, P&E Inspector, P&E Dept., 9) Sri G.Sandeep, P&E S.I., P&E Dept., with a request to submit their written representations, if any, in the matter with 15 days. Govt., have disagreed with the findings of IO in respect of 05 COs viz., 1) Sri Gangala Suresh Babu, ACTO, 2) Sri Arani Gopal, ACTO, 3) Sri Nagarajan Palani, Sr.Asst., & ACTO (FAC), 4) Sri V.Madhusudhan, MVI and 5) Sri B.Nanne Saheb, Transport H.C., and accordingly Inquiry Report along with dis-agreement factors were communicated to the 05 COs under sub-rule (2) of Rule-21 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to submit their written representations, if any, in the matter with 15 days.

8. Whereas, in the reference 14<sup>th</sup> read above, the CCST has stated that the Jt. Commr.(ST), Chittoor Nodal Division has forwarded served copy of the Govt.Memo in the reference 12<sup>th</sup> read above and IR along with representations of the COs and the same were forwarded to the Govt., and requested to take necessary action in the matter. After a detailed examination of the 05 COs written representation on the factors of disagreement of the inquiry report, it is concluded that the defense of all COs are not convincing. Hence, their charges are substantiated due on their failure of to explain of unaccounted seized money; neglect of duty and the circumstantial evidences.

9. After following due procedure, wherein in the reference 16<sup>th</sup> read above, Govt., issued orders dropping further action against 09 COs i.e., 1) Sri I.V.Ranga Rao, DCTO & AO (Retd.); 2) Sri Syed Abdul Gafaar, O.S.; 3) Sri Dudde Prabhakar, Jr.Asst.; 4) Sri B.Krishna Murthy, Sr.Asst.; 5) Sri K.S.Narendra Kumar, Jr.Asst.; 6) Sri Maddileti Muniraja, O.S.; 7) Sri Maredupalli Ananda Naidu, Hamali; 8) Sri Golla Sandeep, P&E SI; and 9) Sri Gudluru Prasanth Vijay Kumar, P&E Inspector respectively as the charges framed against them are not held proved in the inquiry and there are no proper evidence. Out of 5 COs 3 COs are in service and a punishment of withholding of two AGIs imposed against them under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1990.

10. Whereas, in the reference 17<sup>th</sup> read above, Govt., issued orders imposing a penalty of withholding (02) two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against the 03 (three) COs i.e., 1) Sri Gangala Suresh Babu, ACTO (CT) (SO-2), 2) Sri Nagarajan Palani, Sr.Asst., & ACTO (FAC) (SO-4) and 3) Sri Vasagiri Madhusudhan, MVI (SO-11), Transport Dept., respectively as the Govt., have disagreed with the findings of IO and the charges framed against them are proved.

11. In respect of retired COs, Govt., have decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 6% pension for a period of one year against the retired COs viz., 1) Sri Arani Gopal, ACTO (SO-3) (rettd.on 31.05.2020) and 2) Sri Bepari Nanne Saheb, H.C.(SO-12), Transport Dept. (rettd.on 30.06.2018) respectively under

Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in the reference 15<sup>th</sup> read above, a show-cause notice has been issued to the retired COs viz., 1) Sri Arani Gopal, ACTO (SO-3) (retired on 31.05.2020) and 2) Sri Bepari Nanne Saheb, H.C.(SO-12), Transport Dept., (retired on 30.06.2018) respectively under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 to submit their replies to the notices within 15 days to the Govt.

12. In reply to the show-cause notices, in the reference 18<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri B.Nanne Saheb, Transport H.C., has furnished his explanation stating that he has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2018 that he was only a Head Constable working at the check post with the duties of stopping of moving vehicles transporting goods etc., the allegations are leveled against him for the amounts found in the nearly bush of office premises, which is most unfortunate. He worked with devotion to duty, sincerity and integrity without any adverse remarks. He belongs to a poor family with greater responsibilities and withheld his pension at 6% for a period of one year a great financial loss to him in addition to mental agony in his retired life and requested to drop further action.

13. Sri Arani Gopal, ACTO (Retd.) in explanation dt.23.05.2025 has stated that he has already submitted his explanation earlier and he is no way responsible for the said unaccounted seized amounts said to be found else where and requested the Government to reduce the percentage of penalty to the minimum possible for which he will be grateful to the Government.

14. Government have observed that the grounds put forth by the charged officers are not convincing and the same were examined earlier by the authorities and also the Charged Officers not put forth any new grounds to consider their request.

15. Government, after careful examination of the matter and written explanations submitted by the retired Charged Officers to the disagreement factors on the findings of Inquiry Officers and in view of the material available on record, hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of 6% pension for a period of one year against the retired Charged Officers viz., 1) Sri Arani Gopal, formerly ACTO (SO-3) (retired on 31.05.2020) and 2) Sri Bepari Nanne Saheb, formerly Transport Head Constable (SO-12) (retired on 30.06.2018) respectively under Rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

16. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The individuals concerned (through the Chief Commissioner of  
State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district)  
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,  
Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

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The Transport, Roads and Buildings Department,  
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The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh  
Vigilance Commission, for favour of information  
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The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh,  
Vijayawada for favour of information

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